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EXDIS, FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

AGS: PDEV, UK, GW

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: APPROACH TO FRG

1. US-UK ARE PREPARED TO PRESENT RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT PLAN TO PRINCIPAL PARTIES OF DISPUTE, INVOLVED NEIGHBORING STATES AND WORLD OPINION, VIA THE UNITED NATIONS. SUPPORT OF OUR TRADITIONAL FRIENDS AND CURRENT UNSC MEMBERS, FRANCE, CANADA AND GERMANY, WILL BE IMPORTANT IN THE SETTLEMENT EFFORT. CONSEQUENTLY, WE WISH TO KEEP THESE GOVERNMENTS WELL INFORMED OF OUR PLANS.

2. JOINT APPROACHES IN SOME CAPITALS HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON. WE AND THE BRITISH HAVE DETERMINED THAT IN BONN YOU SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN ARRANGING A MEETING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER OR AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH RANKING

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FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR BRITISH COLLEAGUE AT WHICH TIME YOU WILL PRESENT THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS. WE INITIALLY AGREED THAT THE MEETING SHOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 8. HOWEVER, GIVEN DIFFICULTIES IN REACHING FINAL ACCORD ON LANGUAGE CHARACTERIZING CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THE PROPOSALS, WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT AUGUST 9 WOULD BE BETTER DATE.

3. PLEASE COORDINATE APPOINTMENT REQUEST WITH YOUR
BRITISH COLLEAGUE. WE WILL SEND FURTHER BACKGROUND AND
SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS TO YOU ON AUGUST 8 ONCE FINAL
AGREEMENT ON LANGUAGE IS REACHED WITH FCO. WE BELIEVE
UK HAS ALREADY SENT SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF EXPLANATORY
MATERIAL ABOUT SETTLEMENT EFFORT AND PROPOSALS TO UK
EMBASSY, BONN, AND YOU MAY WISH TO ASK YOUR BRITISH
COUNTERPART TO SHARE THEM WITH YOU IN PREPARATION
FOR THE AUGUST 9 MEETING.

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